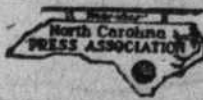




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

A wise man will hear and increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels. Proverbs 1:5.

Tip Top Advice

It is graduation season. Already county schools in the area have held commencement programs. Monday Kings Mountain high school will give diplomas to a class of approximately 80.

Colleges, too, are awarding diplomas to those who have passed the necessary amount of work.

Do young folk remember the words of wisdom the commencement speakers give them? Likely not, but they should.

Thus far in the 1959 commencement season no wiser words have been spoken than those of Senator Sam Ervin of Morganton, who told a graduation group to hold to the truths of the past, yet always be willing and able to investigate the new.

Senator Ervin is a man who continues to amaze. With the full flavor of the mountain area in which he was reared, Senator Ervin is a Senate moderate. He seeks to vote for what is right.

Practically, the high school graduates will be told to learn more, to use every means at their command to absorb more facts. It is sometimes without the comprehension of an 18-year-old youth to see how he can manage to acquire \$1200 to \$1500 per year to matriculate at a college or university. What they do not know is that there are many helping hands along the way. If they will take Senator's Ervin's advice and investigate, they will find a large amount of scholarship money, self-help jobs, loan funds, and outright grants-in-aid to bright young minds willing to work.

A college degree is becoming annually more important. Many large firms will not let a youngster get his foot in the door unless he can present college credentials.

Obviously, a degree per se will not help a youth hold a job and win a promotion. But how can one hold a job or win promotion until he gets his foot in the door?

Young folks, go to college.

Foster Dulles

The late John Foster Dulles was a rock-ribbed Presbyterian, who had a brilliant career in international law topped off by his service as Secretary of State.

Mr. Dulles' religion colored his career. Some of the time as Secretary of State he was roughly criticized for rigidity of mind and policy, for bluff and bluster, and for lack of imagination.

But the test of the pudding is in the eating thereof.

During Mr. Dulles' service as chief architect of this nation's foreign policy, there were many incidents which made us and the world fear that war was imminent.

Yet there was no war. The late Mr. Dulles can accept the credit.

Top Slot

Genial Ollie Harris is the new president of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Burial Association.

It is a mark of Mr. Harris' modesty that he asked the Herald not to use his picture in the news story reporting his accession to the presidency of this state-wide trade association.

Said Mr. Harris: "You've used my picture too much already."

Mr. Harris has been active in the affairs of his association for several years. He will do a good job in the top slot.

10 YEARS AGO taken from the 1949 files of the Kings Mountain Herald. THIS WEEK Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events

Sam Weir was elected president of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1949-50 at the regular meeting of the organization Tuesday night.

Annual Poppy Day for the benefit of widows and orphans of servicemen, will be held in Kings Mountain Saturday, under sponsorship of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney left Saturday for Boston to attend a national convention of Boy Scouts of America.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

David Baity, the Herald's No. 2, has a case of love at first sight. Undoubtedly, he would want me to say quickly that the object of his affection is inanimate.

David accompanied me to Chapel Hill Saturday and, as about 99 percent of the rest of the people who pass Chapel Hill's portals, he loves Chapel Hill.

He also has a high regard for Pittsboro.

Enroute, David and I did what I've been wanting to do on every Pittsboro pass-through for the past 19 years. We stopped at the home of Harry and Doris Goerch Horton, now blessed with three younger Hortons.

Harry was a freshman my senior year at UNC and lived on the same floor of Mangum Dormitory. That was the year Harry's foster father, Wilkins P. Horton, was a candidate for Governor. It was my first brush with big league politics. A friendly well-wisher from Charlotte had given Mr. Horton use of a flaming red Chevrolet convertible. Harry broke it in. At least one time after leaving Sir Walter Hotel campaign headquarters in the wee hours, we spent the night at the Horton home in Pittsboro, ate Mrs. Horton's delicious breakfast, then got to Chapel Hill for an 8:30 class.

It was not in the cards for Mr. Horton to become Governor. The late J. M. Broughton was too prominent a Baptist layman in Baptist North Carolina. Mr. Horton was a Methodist. The other candidate was the late A. J. Maxwell, for many years North Carolina's efficient Commissioner of Revenue.

Old friend Harry Horton is now the honorable Representative Horton from Chatham. It's his freshman year in the General Assembly, and he's learning a lot.

I really had double excuse to stop in Pittsboro, as I had learned that Representative Horton was co-author of House Bill 725 which would prohibit the advertisement of wines, beers, and other alcoholic beverages through any advertising media in North Carolina.

This is a bad bill, as I wired the Cleveland delegation and another close friend in the House. The bill is undoubtedly unconstitutional, is discriminatory and foolish. Representative Blue of Aberdeen answers his mail fast. Friend Cliff wrote: "Thank you for your telegram opposing House Bill 725. I agree with your three points and I do not think the bill has any chance of passing." Representative Horton didn't seem too excited about the fate of his bill either.

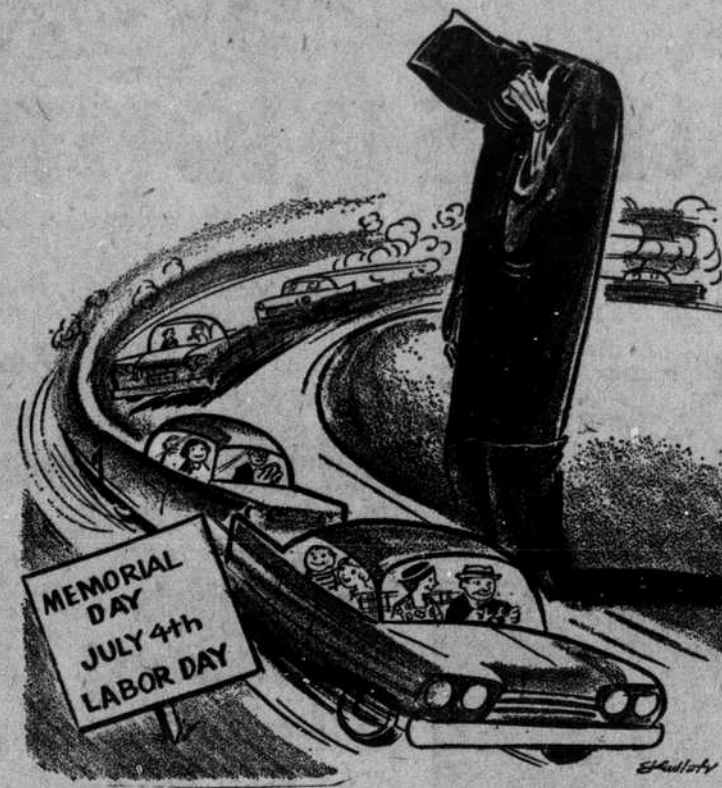
But Representative Horton and I are in complete agreement in opposing the bill to legalize parimutuel betting at the beach spas. It is said that the gambling disease is worse than the liquor disease. Worse than that, when parimutuel betting was momentarily legal in this state a few years ago, the money lost lined the pockets of a Cleveland, Ohio, gambling syndicate. North Carolina needs no more of this kind of business.

Linda Bister, onetime fill-in hand at the Herald, is a Carolina freshman. We had a breakfast Sunday morning at Carolina Inn and Linda got to meet numerous members of the working press. She also chatted with Walter Spearman, No. 2 of the UNC School of Journalism. Walter edited the Daily Tar Heel in 1929, worked for the Charlotte News, returned to teach, has done fill-in editorial work in New Orleans and has studied at Harvard. He is a close friend of George Laycock, former administrator of Shelby Hospital. Walter saw George recently in New York, says George is happy in his new work and with his new residence in Connecticut.

I told Mr. Rogerson, manager of the Carolina Inn, that I had stayed in top notch hotels from New Orleans to Casablanca, but that I had never found one better managed than the Carolina Inn. Rates are reasonable, the food choice, and the service deluxe.

It was a most successful trek.

Don't Pick Him Up



Viewpoints of Other Editors

FORMULA FOR CYNICISM

The other day a man we know was paid a polite call by a political committee of his fellow townsmen who asked him to consider running for membership on the town council.

The man was surprised, and somewhat flattered, for while he had always interested himself in such affairs as the United Fund and the Boy Scouts, he had never thought of himself as the people's political choice.

The man asked why he had been chosen, since the political committee couldn't possibly know much about his ideas on how to govern the town, or even on such matters as taxes, spending and the town budget.

When he heard the committee's answer, he was even more surprised. For the members told him that they weren't too concerned about his views. What really mattered was that he was a popular man and they were sure he could win.

We pass on this story, because in a way we think it is typical not only of the times but of much that's wrong with politics. The story isn't by any means new, for political parties have always wanted to find winning candidates. But it is a fact that nowadays one hears more and more of the importance of winning; the wish to win has come to be the overriding consideration of both major political parties, and it reaches from the village greens to the White House.

There isn't much doubt that the ability to win is part of a formula for political success, for a political party that insisted on backing only losers would not be a very successful one. But there are other factors that go to make up a truly successful political formula. Among them are political principles. And it isn't hard to guess what happens to political principles if the primary question is whether a candidate can win.

For immediately another question arises; that is, what will he have to do to win? And it is in the attempt to find an answer to that one that politics, as all of us have seen one time or another, becomes not a sound formula for choosing men who will govern us, but a platform for ambitious men who strive to out-promise one another in their efforts to win.

Winning is important to everyone in political life. But when winning outweighs sound political principles, it becomes a formula for cynicism.

And while a formula for cynicism may be successful for a time in politics, there's always the danger that the public will come to look upon the politicians who espouse it with a cynicism of their own. — Wall Street Journal

SOUTH AFRICA'S 'SIXTY-ONE'

In February, 1958, more than 90 South Africans, a few of them white but the majority colored (many of mixed Indian-African descent), were put under bail for trial for treason after raids in which a reported 250 were arrested. At that time this newspaper observed: "The prosecution will have to make an impressive case to overcome the disadvantage of its position in the eyes of the world."

These disadvantages arose from the background of the arrests. Officials rounded up people who had signed a "freedom charter". This called for racial equality and nationalization of banks and big industries. The South African Government called it an attempt to set up a Communist state, and read into it a call to violence to do so.

The charter obviously was a form of rebellion against the "apartheid" policy of the government which keeps Negroes a subordinated race.

Now, after more than a year, 61 of the defendants have been freed under a surprise court ruling which quashed the indictment against them on grounds that it lacked particulars of the conspiracy.

However unsatisfactory the latest chapter in this strange affair may appear to some, it does

WARNING LIGHT ON TRADE

History, like one's auto dashboard, has its warning lights that flash on when a nation's battery isn't charging as it should. This week such a warning flashed in the United States.

British-American trade balance was the cause. For the first time since 1865 America imported from Britain more than it exported there.

For London, of course, this is good news to add to a generally brightening balance-of-trade recovery. We're glad of that.

Even for the United States the first adverse balance in nearly a century is likely to be a temporary phenomenon. It represents only one month, March. But it is, nevertheless, a dramatic symptom — along with the recent drop in Washington's gold reserves — that shows why the Eisenhower administration is treating the problem of inflation so seriously.

If American labor and industry embark on another round of wage and price increases that are not matched by increased productivity, it is possible that many industries will begin to price themselves out of certain of their export markets. What had not happened since 1865 (and was generally supposed never to happen again) could spread to statistics of trade with other nations.

Such a situation would further project the scene for domestic protectionism, which in turn breeds overseas trade barriers against American exports.

This projection of events is, of course, hypothetical. But if such warning signals as the gold drop and the adverse trade balance with Britain are ignored it could become factual. That would mean a stagnation far worse than today's expand-with-inflation arguments conceivably to be America's pre-empted lot under anti-inflation policy.

The nation's battery is in a no present danger. But when the warning light shows it is discharging even one in a while, it's time for a checkup. — Christian Science Monitor.

seem to reflect an awareness on the part of South African authorities that world opinion is watching this case closely. Also in the last year the wave of demands for self-determination and majority (black) rule that has swept Africa has been one of the surprises of the century.

It is the kind of wave that cannot be arrested by local suppression of African ambitions. But it may yet be moderated by new efforts on the part of Europeans to channel Black Africa's ambitions toward partnership in equality. — Christian Science Monitor.

AIN'T IT SO?

By BILLY ARTHUR

Americanism: Worrying about nuclear weapons suddenly destroying the human race; continuing to save trading stamps.

The preacher who plays golf could be excused for reading his text, "What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose the last hole?"

The Air Force is bragging about another speed record for an Atlantic crossing. But is was nothing compared to the new high powered automobiles on a wet road.

The fact that the world was created in six days proves that the General Assembly has nothing to do with it.

Now comes word that a Texan will attempt to swim the English channel this summer. If he fails, he'll buy it to take home and practice in.

It's time the Big Four foreign ministers get their heads together — as hard as they can.

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SCHOOL'S OUT! And the good ole summertime is just around the corner. Wonderful days for the teen-agers at your house — busy with plans for swims, picnics, platter parties. And how they love to chat with school pals. Seems to me now's the time to see for yourself what a difference an extension phone can make in your home. One in your teen-ager's bedroom, for instance. Or perhaps one for the busy mother, in the kitchen. Your family will be delighted and the cost of each extension is less than a nickel a day. Check their favorite colors and give us a call.

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